

Mansfield Conservation Commission

Minutes of the September 18, 2002 Meeting

Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building

Present: Robert Dahn (Chair), Jennifer Kaufman (8:03PM arrival), Quentin Kessel, Lanse Minkler, and John Silander.

Absent: Denise Burchsted, Mary Rogers, Robert Thorson and Frank Trainor,.

Town Staff: Grant Meitzler

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.
2. The minutes of the August 21, 2002 were approved unanimously with a motion made by Kaufman and seconded by Kessel.
3. Fenton River Water Level: Kessel reported that it was about ankle deep between rocks where he crosses the river by the University pumping station A.
4. Lands of Unique Value Study: Silander reported on a meeting he had with Minutti. The final report is expected to include a recommendation for cluster type development, done in such a way as to maximize the usefulness of the remaining open space.
5. Fenton River Level A Aquifer Mapping: The subcommittee's report on this issue (attachment #1) was received and reviewed, together with a copy of a June 24, 2002 memo to UConn's Thomas Callahan from Legette, Brashears and Graham (attachment #2). It was agreed to forward the memo to the DEP, requesting comments and information before acting on the report.
6. Plan of Conservation and Development: There will be an initial meeting of the volunteers on August 25, 2002. Silander plans to attend.
7. The Green Valley Institute Protecting Family Farm and Forests Workshop the CC is co-sponsoring with the Willington CC will be held September 26, 2002 at 7:00 PM in the Edwin O. Smith High School chorus room.
8. IWA Referrals.
 - a. W1191 - Boisvert – Candide Lane. Map date August 22, 2002. This application is for a three lot subdivision with Lot 1 being an existing house lot. Kessel moved, and Kaufman seconded, that the proximity of the lawns and septic system to the wetlands (including the pond) might have a significant negative impact, especially with regard to nutrient loading of the pond. The motion passed unanimously. In the event this application is approved, the CC suggests that the conservation easement be extended through lot #3 to Stearns Road.
 - b. W1192 - Connelly – Mulberry Road. Map date August 5, 2002. This application is shed to be placed approximately 40 feet from a wetland. Dahn moved, and

Kessel seconded, that the proposed work would have no significant negative impact on the wetlands. The motion passed unanimously.

9. The map providing a general outline of the Stephen Estates subdivision was reviewed (map dated 11/26/2001). Dahn moved and Kessel seconded the recommendation that proposed 10.64 acre "conservation restriction" be an enforceable easement granted to the Town of Mansfield and that the easement should include a provision that the open field and pastureland covered by the easement not be allowed to revert to forestland.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Kessel
Secretary, *pro tem*.